



TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE OF
A PORTION OF OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 1, 2003
IN JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION 11-102965

This application is to be rejected for the reasons given below. Any response should be submitted within 60 days of this mailing.

REASON

The invention according to the claims given below is an invention which could have been made easily on the basis of the invention described in the following publications published within Japan or elsewhere prior to its filing and hence cannot be patented pursuant to Japanese Patent Law 29-2.

STATEMENT

Regarding Claims 1 - 3

Cited References 1 and 2

REMARKS:

Reference 1 substantially discloses "a temperature sensor characterized wherein a lead line is connected to a terminal electrode formed on a temperature detection element and wherein said lead line is made elastic" (corresponding to a principal part of the invention according to claim 1).

Reference 2 substantially discloses "forming a lead line with an elastic material such as phosphor bronze for providing elasticity to a lead line" (corresponding to a portion of the invention according to claim 1).

It is to be concluded that the invention according to claim 1 of this application is nothing more than what has been disclosed in Reference 1 wherein a known fact as described in Reference 2 has been applied in order to "provide elasticity to the lead line."

Reference 1 also discloses that "the aforementioned temperature detector element and aforementioned lead line are insulatingly covered" (corresponding to claim 2 of the application).

It is considered well known to form a temperature detector element with a thermistor element with a negative temperature coefficient (corresponding to the invention according to claim 3 of this application).

List of Cited References:

1. Japanese Patent Publication Tokkai 61-005269
2. Japanese Patent Publication Tokkai 09-306317

REASON FOR FINALITY OF REJECTION

This is a rejection for communicating only the reason of rejection which became necessary to communicate because of the amendments at the time of response to the first reason for rejection.